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SUBJ: CHARTER REVIEW

1. DELOFF HELD INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH OHTAKA AND SHIGETA OF JAPANESE DELEGATION ON SUBJECT. THEY WERE BOTH HIGHLY RECEPTIVE TO DELOFF'S SUGGESTION THAT THEY MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER MERGER OF CHARTER REVIEW AND ROMANIAN ITEMS AND THUS A BROADENING AND DILUTION OF THE MANDATE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. DELOFF HINTED THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT A RESOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES COULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS OR AT LEAST WITHOUT ANY NEGATIVE VOTE.

2. DELOFF SUGGESTED MERITS OF THIS APPROACH FROM JAPANESE POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE: (A) CONTINUATION OF PLATFORM FOR JAPAN TO USE WHEN TIME IS RIPE TO PUSH SC DESIRE; (B) A PLATFORM IN WHICH ISSUES WOULD LIKELY BE BLURRED AND THEREFORE JAPAN LESS LIKELY TO FIND THEMSELVES WITH US IN TINY MINORITY AGAINST RADICAL NON-ALIGNED PROPOSALS FOR CHARTER CHANGE.

3. JAPANESE WERE HIGHLY RECEPTIVE AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED DELOFF THAT THEY HAVE BEGUN WORKING IN THIS DIRECTION IN INFORMAL MEETING OF CHARTER REVIEW SUPPORTERS HELD OCTOBER 22. SHIGETA REPORTED THAT THIS APPROACH WAS NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR REJECTED BY COLOMBIA, PHILIPPINES, EL AL.

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4. DELOFF SUBSEQUENTLY CONSULTED WITH UK, FRENCH AND SOV

DELS ON SUBJECT. UK(STEEL) REPORTED HAVING HEARD FROM KENYA(NJENGA) THAT CHARTER REVIEW ADVOCATES ARE CONSIDERING (A) RENEWING AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH SAME MANDATE AS ITS FIRST SESSION, AND (B) THAT AD HOC COMMITTEE WOULD REPORT BACK TO 32ND RPT 32ND GA. REPORTING TO 32ND RATHER THAN 31ST GA APPEARED TO CONSTITUTE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SOME CHARTER REVIEW ADVOCATES THAT ISSUE DOES NOT HAVE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT AT THIS TIME. USSR (KOLESNIK) REPORTED HE HAD HEARD CHARTER REVIEW SUPPORTERS WERE UNCERTAIN HOW TO PROCEED. KENYA IS RESPONSIVE TO IDEA OF NOT HOLDING SESSION AD HOC COMMITTEE IN 1976, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT DEMANDS ON LEGAL OFFICERS POSED BY LOS AND OTHER CONFERENCES. KOLESNIK ALSO REPORTED HE UNDERSTOOD ROMANIA WOULD INTRODUCE AN "EXTENSIVE PROGRAM" ON ITS STRENGTHENING THE ROLE(SOR) OF UN ITEM. (AS DEPT RECALLS, GA HAS REFERRED THIS ITEM TO LEGAL COMITE AND LEGAL COMITE DECIDED TO PERMIT JOINT DEBATE OF CHARTER REVIEW AND SOR ITEMS.) KOLESNIK STATED HE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHETHER ROMANIAN PROGRAMME WOULD DEAL ONLY WITH SOR, OR WITH SOR AND CHARTER REVIEW; NOR, IN FACT, WHAT THE PROGRAMME CONTAINED. HE OPINED YET UNKNOWN CONTENTS OF THIS INITIATIVE ARGUED FOR CAUTION ON OUR PARTS IN REGARD JOINDER OF ITEMS. FRANCE(MUSEUX) HAD HEARD LITTLE ON CHARTER REVIEW, BUT BELIEVED LATINS HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON A POSITION, AND SENSED, THOUGH IT WAS EARLY TO TELL, THAT, IN GENERAL, THERE MIGHT BE A MOVE OF REVIEW ADVOCATES TO ARRIVE AT A COMPROMISE RESULT.

5. KOLESNIK SUGGESTED OUR BEST RESULT WOULD BE A DECISION TO MAINTAIN AD HOC COMMITTEE IN EXISTENCE WITHOUT FIXING A DATE FOR ITS NEXT SESSION. MUSEUX AGREED. US DEL (ROSENSTOCK) CONCURRED, NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT HE FORESAW LITTLE CHANCE OF THIS OCCURRING.

6. USDEL STATED EVEN IN LIGHT OF UNCERTAINTIES POSED BY PROSPECTIVE ROMANIAN PROGRAMME, IT WOULD APPEAR USEFUL TO MERGE SOR ITEM INTO AD HOC COMMITTEE. IN THE ABSENCE OF MERGER, REVIEW ADVOCATES COULD, WITH SOME JUSTIFICATION, TAKE POSITION THAT SOR ITEM WAS LOCUS FOR DISCUSSING ALL IMPROVEMENTS IN UN NOT REQUIRING CHARTER REVISION, AND AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS FORUM FOR REVISION, PROPOSALS. STEEL
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AGREED WITH U.S., ADDING THAT IF WE DO NOT MERGE TWO ITEMS AT THIS GA, LIKELIHOOD IS GREAT MERGER OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE LOST, ESPECIALLY IF SOR ITEM IS BEFORE COMMITTEE NEXT GA, BUT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT IS NOT. KOLESNIK AGREED WITH U.S. AND UK ANALYSIS AND SAW ADVANTAGE THAT MERGER COULD HELP US IN DIVERTING AD HOC COMMITTEE SUPPORTERS FROM THEIR REVISIONIST PATH. HE SUGGESTED WE DEFER FURTHER DECISION UNTIL WE SEE ROMANIAN PROPOSAL. (WE HAVE

STILL HEARD NOTHING DIRECTLY FROM ROMANIANS.)

7. KOLESHNIK URGED WE BEGIN SOON LOBBYING DELS; IN PARTICULAR, THOSE WHO SHARE OUR VIEW(IN ORDER TO ASSURE NO CHANGE IN THEIR POSITION), AND THOSE WHO DO NOT STRONGLY SUPPORT AD HOC COMMITTEE. WE SHOULD ADVISE THEM OF OUR(INDIVIDUAL) VIEWS THAT(A) IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET NEXT YEAR; AND (B) THERE IS NO NEED, AT THIS TIME, TO DECIDE DATE OF ITS NEXT SESSION. USDEL CONCURRED WITH IDEA OF LOBBYING AND SUGGESTED THAT CENTRAL ARGUMENT BE THAT CLEARLY TIME IS NOT RIGHT FOR COMMITTEE. THIS, USDEL NOTED, WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH (A) INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF COMMITTEE; (B) MERGER OF SOR WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEE WITH SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT MANDATE WHOS TIME MIGHT BE RIGHT; AND (C) CONSTRUCTING RESULT WHICH WE COULD ACCEPT WITHOUT OBJECTION.

8. WE AGREED TO PREPARE LISTS OF DELS TO BE LOBBIED, WITH A VIEW TO DIVIDING THE LABOR AMONG US.
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